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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted] STAT

SUBJECT : Movement of U-2 from California to Washington

A telephone check with Kelly Johnson on Monday, 2nd August reveals that work is proceeding according to plan on refurbishment of Article 347 at Palmdale, preparatory to its move to Washington starting Saturday, 21st August, a little more than two weeks hence. Kelly says that he is certain that Lockheed will make their planned departure date.

Present plans have the aircraft arriving at the Garber Facility in Silver Hill, Maryland during working hours on 31st August. It is planned that reassembly will be completed by the close of business on 3rd September, barring any mishap. This means that there is now less than a month to firm up on our plans for turning the aircraft over to the Air & Space Museum authorities.

It would be useful then, to have guidance from DDS&T and the DDCI as far as their interests might be regarding a formal presentation of the aircraft to the Museum. My own feeling is that a low-key ceremony might be best, recognizing the logistics problem of sending out invitations to the hundreds of potentially interested parties. There is nothing magic about a presentation date in mid-September, if a later time seems preferable. However, the aircraft will be available for public viewing after Labor Day, so a protracted delay might not be preferable.

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